IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In Re U.S. Pa | atent Application) | | |
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| Applicant(s): Takeda et al.) | | I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box | |
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| (VA) | CICALLY-ALIGNED) LIQUID CRYSTAL) LAY DEVICE (as amended)) | | |
| Art Unit: | 2871 | | |
| Examiner: | Nguyen, D. | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration and calculating the fees for the above-referenced Divisional Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following new Title:

--VERTICALLY-ALIGNED (VA) LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE.--.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please approve the drawing changes as shown in red on the attached marked-up copies of Figs. 1-8. A separate Letter to the Draftsman indicating the same proposed changes is also enclosed herein.